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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 100

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to 1.4 million older adults 60 years of age and over and the primary mission of the Administration is to promote the independence, dignity and choice of these residents as they age; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey must prepare to meet the individual and societal needs of our growing older adult population and their families; and

WHEREAS, for too long, government has forced older adults to choose between going into a nursing home or giving up the government funds which pay for needed services, thus denying them the right to choose where they receive these services; and

WHEREAS, caregiving by unpaid family or friends has become an important issue because so many New Jerseyans are finding themselves or will find themselves in the role of caregiver for a loved one – with almost 900,000 adults in this capacity today; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Senior Services provides resources and oversight for Medicaid services and special programs, yet it is easier for older adults to get financial help from the State if they go into a nursing home versus getting services through the following home and community services: the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled, Medical Day Care, Assisted Living, Adult Family Care, Caregiver Assistance Program, Home Care Expansion Program, Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving; and

WHEREAS, policy changes are now critical to support an expanding elderly population that desires to stay at home with supports versus going into a nursing home; and

WHEREAS, AARP, with its membership of 1.3 million state residents, seeks to enhance the quality of life for all persons 50 and older by promoting independence, dignity and purpose through information and education, advocacy and service.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop the appropriate fiscal controls and tracking mechanisms, in consultation with the State Treasurer, to implement a “global” long-term care budget similar to the States of Washington and Oregon by January 2005. These mechanisms shall be in place for State Fiscal Year 2006.

2. The funds for Medicaid services and special programs, aforementioned, to be provided to the Department of Health and Senior Services in total under one unique appropriation entitled "Long Term Care Services," as they represent a continuum of care for which eligible consumers are assessed and periodically reevaluated. This provision will provide the Department of Health and Senior Services with the authority and flexibility to move beneficiaries to the appropriate level of care based on their individual needs.
3. The Department of Health and Senior Services to develop and launch by the end of CY 2004 the New Jersey Caring for Caregivers Initiative, which will bring essential services to family caregivers who make it possible for seniors to live in their homes. New Jersey Caring for Caregivers will enhance and prolong the ability of unpaid caregivers to continue to provide care for an elderly or adult disabled individual.
4. The Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Human Services to identify specific gaps and requirements necessary to streamline the paperwork and fast track the process of obtaining Medicaid eligibility for home care options for those who qualify. The plan, to be formulated by the end of CY 2004, must address cutting the "red tape" so that seniors are not automatically directed to nursing homes because it takes too long to do the paperwork for home care options.
5. The Department of Health and Senior Services to create an action plan by October 2004 that expands the Adult Family Care program in New Jersey. In this living arrangement, up to three seniors can move in with a trained, capable and caring person – often in their own neighborhoods. Adult Family Care offers individuals, who are no longer able to live alone, the opportunity to move in and share the home of a caretaker who provides needed assistance and supervision.
6. The Department of Health and Senior Services to consult with AARP regarding the planning and implementation of the above-mentioned initiatives, including the development of a "bill of rights" to support New Jersey's aging population.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to 1.4 million adults 60 years of age who deserve the right to independence, dignity and choice as they grow older; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Jersey are entitled to a long-term care system where they can make their own long-term care decisions; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey must support a long-term care reform agenda to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding between home- and community-based services and institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is currently in the second year of a three-year federally funded Aging and Disability Resource Connection initiative, which is being implemented on a pilot basis in Atlantic and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, through its Aging and Disability Resource Connection initiative, is implementing a clinical assessment tool and fast track eligibility process in a test environment in Atlantic and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS, the clinical assessment tool shall be linked to levels of care, which will then generate a service care plan as well as identify funds to support an individual's choice for long-term care services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall begin a process in State Fiscal Year 2006 to develop and implement a pilot global budget long-term care program. The new long-term care system for older adults shall have improved access and consumer-directed care across all settings and an array of home- and community-based services from which to choose.
2. The Department of Health and Senior Services, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, shall develop a pilot fast track eligibility program with presumptive eligibility in Warren and Atlantic Counties.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
day of

in the Year of Our Lord, Two
Thousand and Five, and of the
Independence of the United States,
the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.